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**TWO STATE AGENCIES COMBINE FORCES ON DEALERS
SELLING UNLICENSED CONVERTED STOCK TRAILERS**

LINCOLN – Two state agencies have combined their efforts to address concerns over sales of unlicensed converted stock trailers that contain living space for people.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission and the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industries Licensing Board jointly announced a plan to ensure that companies converting trailers designed primarily for stock and horse transportation comply with state regulations governing space that permits human habitation.

Mark Luttich, director of the Public Service Commission's Department of Housing and Recreational Vehicles, sent a letter over the Labor Day weekend notifying trailer dealers and manufacturers that the presence of living quarters for humans in stock trailers brings the trailers under the jurisdiction of the state over recreation vehicles. The Commission affixes a tag onto all recreation vehicles, certifying that they meet approved codes for design and safety.

Meanwhile, Executive Director William Jackson of the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board said dealers who sell stock trailers that are modified to accommodate living space must be licensed by his agency.

Luttich said his inspectors, on routine inspections throughout the state, have noticed stock trailers, designed primarily for the transportation of horses, in violation of state regulations. The Commission works on compliance issues with manufacturers of recreation vehicles as well as modular and manufactured homes sold in Nebraska. "The Nebraska seal is an indication that the unit meets standards adopted by the State of Nebraska for the well-being and safety of its residents," Luttich said.

The Commission's inspection program covers all units that contain plumbing, electrical service, or heating or cooking fuels.

"Failure to comply with state licensing regulations can result in fines up to \$5,000 per occurrence and possible revocation of licenses. Serious non-compliance charges can result in a felony charge with a possible five (5) year prison sentence and \$10,000 fine with no minimum." Jackson said.

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